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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Legislative Counsel**

**SUBJECT : Proposed S. 1086, S. 1221, and S. 1495**

1. Subject proposed bills governing wiretapping have been reviewed by this Office.
2. Since this Agency has no law enforcement or internal security responsibilities, it is felt that no position either for or against the proposed bills should be taken.
3. It is, therefore, suggested that you reply to Senator Ervin along these lines.

SIGNED

**SHEFFIELD EDWARDS**  
**Director of Security**

**Attachment:**

**3 Proposed Bills**

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**United States Senate**

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**  
**(SUBORDINATE TO S. REP. NO. 47TH CONGRESS)**

April 25, 1961

JL-3323

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 K Street  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee is currently examining the problems posed by wiretapping and eavesdropping practices of law enforcement officials and private individuals. Public hearings have been scheduled for May 9, 10, and 11 to consider three bills dealing with wiretapping and eavesdropping, S. 1086, S. 1221, and S. 1495, which have been referred to this subcommittee.

Inasmuch as the bills have some application to Federal departments and agencies, it would be desirable if you as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, would submit your views on these proposals. The Attorney General of the United States has already been invited to appear before the subcommittee and give in the benefit of his views.

In the event that you or a representative of your agency cannot appear personally as a witness, the subcommittee would, of course, be pleased to receive, for the record, any prepared statement you may wish to submit.

Copies of S. 1086, S. 1221, and S. 1495 are enclosed for your convenience.

The subcommittee appreciates very much your cooperation and assistance in its study.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

**Sam J. Ervin, Jr.**  
**Chairman**

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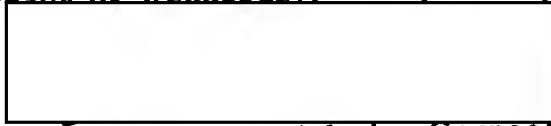
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Remarks:

Attached is a copy of the request from Senator Ervin for comments on the wire tap bills which I discussed with you this morning. We would like your suggestions as to an appropriate reply so that we might have a letter ready by Wednesday, 3 May.



Assistant Legislative Counsel

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